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SUBJECT: AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD DISCUSSIONS

REF: A) STATE 207907; (B) CUNNINGHAM/MEYERS TELECON 8/31

1. SUMMARY: MOVING AUTO TALKS DATE (SEPTEMBER 10) IS DIFFICULT FOR GOJ; AFTERNOON TECHNICAL TALKS ON SEPTEMBER 13 APPEAR TO BE OK. EMBASSY BELIEVES INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION IN TECHNICAL TALKS MAY NEED TO BE HELD TO 2-3 PERSONS. THERE IS NO "NEW" GOJ PROPOSAL ON DATE OF MANUFACTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. MOFA HAS INFORMED US THAT IT WOULD BE "DIFFICULT" TO MOVE THE AUTO TALKS FROM SEPTEMBER 10 SINCE MOT HAS A NATIONAL AUDIT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9, AND THAT THEY PREFER THEREFORE ADHERING TO ORIGINAL DATE.

3. REGARDING FOLLOW-UP TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, MOT IS FREE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 13 BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IS PLANNED FOR AGENDA. IF DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE A LIST OF TOPICS BEYOND "FOLLOW-ON" AND DISCUSSION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTER AND SPARE TIME INFLATOR, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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4. RE DATE OF MANUFACTURE ISSUE, THERE IS NO "NEW" GOJ PROPOSAL. LATEST ONE IS THAT DESCRIBED IN TOKYO 6448. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THE EUROPEANS ACCEPTED A SIMILAR PROPOSAL, DOM CERTIFICATION BEING DONE BY INSTITUTES DESIGNATED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNED WITH THE GOVERNMENT RETAINING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCURACY OF THE

CERTIFICATION. THIS SYSTEM IS SIMILAR TO THE ONE USED FOR THE SIX IMPORTANT TESTS (SEE MEYERS/MEYER LETTER OF JUNE 20.) WE BELIEVE LATEST U.S. PROPOSAL OF CERTIFICATION BY A NOTARY PUBLIC SHOWS PROMISE.

5. COMMENT: ATMOSPHERE AND SENSE OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN SEPTEMBER 10 TALKS WILL BE ALL IMPORTANT IN CREATING POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. EMBASSY APPRECIATES THAT U.S. DELEGATION NEEDS TO RELY ON EXPERTISE OF U.S. INDUSTRY IN THESE SUBSEQUENT TALKS. IN ORDER TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF THE JAPANESE SIDE'S FEELING INTIMIDATED OR CONFUSED AS TO WHO IS IN CHARGE, HOWEVER, WE RECOMMEND MVMA BE PREPARED TO HOLD ITS REPRESENTATION TO 2-3 PERSONS. PERSONS INVOLVED COULD ROTATE IF NECESSARY. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT, ONCE GROUND HAS BEEN PREPARED IN GOBT-TO-GOVT TALKS, CONTINUING PROGRESS ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS WOULD BE BEST PURSUED THROUGH DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE U.S. INDUSTRY, INCLUDING FULL PARTICIPATION OF TOKYO-BASED REPS, AND MOT OFFICIALS.

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